

information that may facilitate network access point discovery and/or connection establishment by the served apparatus 212.

[0079] In some example embodiments, if the communication apparatus 202 moves outside of range of an access point for the second network access technology 210 and/or a connection to the network 206 via the second network access technology 210 otherwise becomes unavailable, the communication apparatus 202 may switch the connection 204 back to the first network access technology 208. The communication apparatus 202 may subsequently return to serving as a gateway to the network 206 for a served apparatus(es) 212 via the local network access technology 214.

[0080] FIG. 8 illustrates a flowchart according to an example method for providing notification of a network access technology switching event according to some example embodiments. In this regard, FIG. 8 illustrates operations that may be performed at a communication apparatus 202. The operations illustrated in and described with respect to FIG. 8 may, for example, be performed by, with the assistance of, and/or under the control of one or more of the processor 410, memory 412, communication interface 414, user interface 416, or notification provision module 418. Operation 800 may comprise determining, at a communication device having an established connection to a network via a first network access technology and serving as a gateway to the network for a served device, that the connection between the communication device and the network is to be switched from the first network access technology to a second network access technology. The processor 410, memory 412, communication interface 414, and/or notification provision module 418 may, for example, provide means for performing operation 800. Operation 810 may comprise, responsive to the determination, causing a notification indicating that the served device will experience a network service disconnection to be provided prior to the connection between the communication device and the network being switched from the first network access technology to the second network access technology. For example, operation 810 may comprise causing a notification to be provided to a user of the communication apparatus. Additionally or alternatively, as another example, operation 810 may comprise causing a notification to be provided to the served apparatus(es). The processor 410, memory 412, communication interface 414, user interface 416, and/or notification provision module 418 may, for example, provide means for performing operation 810.

[0081] FIG. 9 illustrates a flowchart according to another example method for providing notification of a network access technology switching event according to some example embodiments. In this regard, FIG. 9 illustrates operations that may be performed at a served apparatus 212. The operations illustrated in and described with respect to FIG. 9 may, for example, be performed by, with the assistance of, and/or under the control of one or more of the processor 510, memory 512, communication interface 514, user interface 516, or notification handling module 418. Operation 900 may comprise receiving a notification at a served device using a communication apparatus as a gateway to a network that the served device will experience a network service disconnection. The processor 510, memory 512, communication interface 514, and/or notification handling module 518 may, for example, provide means for performing operation 900. Operation 910 may comprise, responsive to the notification, taking action to mitigate impact of the network service dis-

connection. For example, operation 910 may comprise notifying a user of the impending network service disconnection. Additionally or alternatively, operation 910 may, for example, comprise causing an override request to be sent to the communication apparatus serving as a gateway to request that a switching of a connection between the communication apparatus and the network from a first network access technology to a second network access technology be delayed or prevented. As still a further example, operation 910 may comprise identifying an alternative network access, such as based at least in part on information that may be included in the received notification. The processor 510, memory 512, communication interface 514, user interface 516, and/or notification handling module 518 may, for example, provide means for performing operation 910.

[0082] FIGS. 8-9 illustrate flowcharts of a system, method, and computer program product according to some example embodiments. It will be understood that each block of the flowcharts, and combinations of blocks in the flowcharts, may be implemented by various means, such as hardware and/or a computer program product comprising one or more computer-readable mediums having computer readable program instructions stored thereon. For example, one or more of the procedures described herein may be embodied by computer program instructions of a computer program product. In this regard, the computer program product(s) which embody the procedures described herein may be stored by one or more memory devices of a mobile terminal, server, or other computing device (for example, in the memory 412, memory 512, and/or the like) and executed by a processor in the computing device (for example, by the processor 410, processor 510, and/or the like). In some example embodiments, the computer program instructions comprising the computer program product(s) which embody the procedures described above may be stored by memory devices of a plurality of computing devices. As will be appreciated, any such computer program product may be loaded onto a computer or other programmable apparatus (for example, a communication apparatus 202, served apparatus 212, and/or other apparatus) to produce a machine, such that the computer program product including the instructions which execute on the computer or other programmable apparatus creates means for implementing the functions specified in the flowchart block(s). Further, the computer program product may comprise one or more computer-readable memories on which the computer program instructions may be stored such that the one or more computer-readable memories can direct a computer or other programmable apparatus to function in a particular manner, such that the computer program product may comprise an article of manufacture which implements the function specified in the flowchart block(s). The computer program instructions of one or more computer program products may also be loaded onto a computer or other programmable apparatus (for example, a communication apparatus 202, served apparatus 212, and/or other apparatus) to cause a series of operations to be performed on the computer or other programmable apparatus to produce a computer-implemented process such that the instructions which execute on the computer or other programmable apparatus implement the functions specified in the flowchart block(s).

[0083] Accordingly, blocks of the flowcharts support combinations of means for performing the specified functions. It will also be understood that one or more blocks of the flowcharts, and combinations of blocks in the flowcharts, may be